

Courtney Blair Youth Scholarship

Social Butterflies Foundation



2019-2020

College Scholarship Application

Applications must be postmarked by June 1, 2020 and mailed to:

**Shawn O'Keefe, Chair
Scholarship Committee
Social Butterflies Foundation
P. O Box 1652
Newport News, Virginia 23601**



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Application Check List*

Before sealing your package,

Please make sure all items listed below are included:

- _____ Completed and signed scholarship application (signed by applicant and parent/guardian)
- _____ Essay (1page typed, narrative)
- _____ Two typed letters of recommendations (family members are ineligible)
- _____ Official High School Transcript (with numerical value, official signature and sealed in official envelope)
- _____ Disclaimer for scholarship funds disbursement (signed by parent/guardian)
- _____ Medical Release Form (signed by parent/guardian)
- _____ Copy of current year IRS 1040 form (may use last year's 1040 if this year is not available)

***Missing any of the above items will result in an incomplete package, and applicant will not be considered for an award.**

For additional information:

Shawn O'Keefe, Chair

Scholarship Committee

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Scholarship Background

Social Butterflies Foundation was founded by lupus survivor, Chastity Corbett. It is a grassroots organization dedicated to helping those battling with lupus and fibromyalgia, as well as their families and caregivers. Our mission is to provide education, support services and encouragement to empower and uplift those living with lupus and fibromyalgia in an effort to help them and their families face the challenges of these debilitating illnesses. Our vision is to make these invisible illnesses visible. Social Butterflies Foundation aims to provide youth battling with lupus and/or fibromyalgia, as well as children of survivors, with college scholarship opportunities to help fulfill their aspirations. The Courtney Blair Youth Scholarship is for graduating seniors who reside in and attend school in the Staunton, Waynesboro, Harrisonburg and Charlottesville region. Applicants must attend an accredited college, university or post-secondary institution in pursuit of a degree within one year of graduation. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 cumulative Grade Point Average on a 4.0 scale in order to qualify for a scholarship award.

Social Butterflies Foundation established the Courtney Blair Youth Scholarship in memory of Courtney Blair, who lost her battle to lupus on November 12, 2014 at the age of 28. During her high school career she attended both Waynesboro High School and Robert E. Lee High School (Staunton High School).

Courtney was a warrior! She was diagnosed with lupus at the age of 17. She was determined that lupus wasn't going to be her handicap. After her diagnosis, she became a nail technician and worked for several local salons. Also, she became the mother of a beautiful daughter, Z'nye. She enjoyed life alongside her family and friends and had a strong desire for any lupus patient to enjoy life to the fullest.

This scholarship is to encourage lupus / fibromyalgia patients or students of patients who have these auto immune diseases to strive for their dreams and to always remember that you may have a disease, but the disease doesn't have you!



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Scholarship Guidelines

**This scholarship program is for graduating high school seniors only.
Incomplete applications will not be considered. However, the application may be copied.**

Applicants must be graduating seniors who reside in and attend school in the Staunton, Waynesboro, Harrisonburg and Charlottesville region. Applicants must attend an accredited college, university or post-secondary institution in pursuit of a degree within one year of graduation.

- Applicants must have at least a 3.0 cumulative Grade Point Average on a 4.0 scale in order to qualify for a scholarship award. Applicants are **required to submit an Official high school transcript with a numerical value and official signature, by the guidance counselor and submitted in an official sealed envelope.**
- Applicants are **required to submit two typed letters of recommendation in a sealed envelope.**
- Parent/Guardian is **required to submit a current (or past year if current is not available) year IRS 1040 form and sign a Scholarship Funds Disbursement Disclaimer.**

Applicants are required to submit a typed 1page narrative essay explaining why they are deserving of a scholarship and how the scholarship will assist them in achieving their goals.

The essay is an important part of the selection process. **Essay must be double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font, 1 page maximum, one-inch margin on all sides, name typed in the upper right-hand corner of the page.**

In reviewing the essays, the judges will consider the following criteria in selecting winners:

- Creativity
- Correct use of grammar and punctuation
- Originality and quality of ideas presented
- Neatness
- Ability to adhere to presented topic(s)



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Student Profile:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Parent/Guardian Address (if different from above) _____

Parent/Guardian Address (if different from above) _____

Academic Profile:

High School Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale) _____

Class Rank _____

Please include your official high school transcript with numerical value and official signature in an official sealed envelope with application

Employment:

Are you currently employed? () YES () NO

If yes, Employer Name _____

Position _____

Date of Hire _____ Average hours worked ___ per week

Scholastic Achievements:

Extra-Curricular Activities (e.g., academic, church, community, sports):

Collegiate Goals:

Please list in order of preference the top four colleges to which you have applied or plan to apply.

1. _____ 3. _____
2. _____ 4. _____

What course of study do you plan to pursue? _____

References – List Two:

A. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Relationship: _____

B. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Relationship: _____

**Acceptable references are teachers, guidance counselors, school administrators, coaches, employers, ministers, etc.*

Financial Information
To be completed by parent(s)

Family Financial Information

Adjusted Gross Income of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) from IRS 1040: (include a copy of current year's 1040 form, if available. You may include last year's 1040 form if current year's tax forms are not available).

- () Under \$30,000
- () \$31,000 to \$50,000
- () \$51,000 to \$75,000
- () \$76,000 to \$100,000
- () Over \$100,000

Total members living in the home dependent on stated income: _____

Medical Information
To be completed by parent(s)

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Please answer the following questions:

1. Who has lupus and/or fibromyalgia?

Child/Scholarship Applicant

Parent _____
(Parent's Full Name)

2. Which illness does the individual have? Lupus Fibromyalgia

3. When was the individual diagnosed? _____

I attest that the information provided in this application is accurate to the best of my ability.

Applicant Signature

Parent Signature



Medical Release Form

To be completed by parent if child is a minor under the age of 18 years old.

Date: _____

Patient Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Physician Name: _____

Hospital Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

I, _____, give Social Butterflies Foundation permission to contact my physician to verify my/my child's illness.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Please refer to checklist on page 2 prior to submitting application

**Mail Complete Package to:
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DISCLAIMER
AGREEMENT FOR DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

I, _____ (Parent/Guardian) acknowledge and understand that the scholarship awards received by the winners will only be disbursed in a lump sum payment directly to the university/college identified by the applicant (Applicant's Name) _____.

Scholarship Award must be claimed within 1 year from date of award, or it will be forfeited. No exceptions.

The Social Butterflies Foundation will forward these funds to the appropriate institution upon receipt of an Official Enrollment Verification Form. The funds will then be placed in the student's account with the Financial Aid Office and/or Student Affairs Office.

I recognize and accept these conditions for the disbursement of any scholarship award my child may receive.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



INSTRUCTIONS TO BE GIVEN TO REFERENCES

Please have your references submit a typed letter of recommendation for you. These letters should be addressed to Social Butterflies Foundation Scholarship Committee and include the following:

- **Name and address of reference**
- **Relationship to applicant (what capacity do you know the applicant)**
- **How long reference has known applicant**
- **Information regarding why applicant should receive the scholarship award**
- **Any known leadership abilities/capabilities**

The letter should be placed in a **sealed envelope** before returning to the applicant. Failure to include all required information listed above will result in an incomplete packet and result in the applicant receiving a **lower score or making the application incomplete, thereby ineligible.**



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